REMARKS

Claims 1-34 stand rejected. Claims 1, 4, 17, 19, 24, 29 and 31-34 have been amended. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the foregoing amendments. No new matter has been added.

Miscellaneous Claim Amendments

Claims 4, 17, 19, 24, and 29 have been amended to correct typographical error or antecedent basis, respectively. No new matter is introduced by these amendments.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-32

The Office Action rejected claims 1-32 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Mahoney et al (U.S. Patent 5,819,271).

Claim 1 has been amended to clarify that the method for providing financial services data in a communication network comprises the steps of "providing a content management application that enables a user to define a hierarchy of nodes in a database, the hierarchy of nodes providing a structure for a navigable on-screen display, each node in the hierarchy corresponding to a displayable element of the on-screen display, one or more of the nodes in the hierarchy receiving and storing content uploaded from different content providers for publication, each node that stores content authorizing one or more of the content providers to upload content to that node; and providing a content display application for displaying the uploaded content through the navigable on-screen display arranged according to the structure defined by the hierarchy of nodes." Claims 31 and 32 recite similar features.

Likewise, claims 33 and 34 respectively recite steps of and structure for "defining a hierarchy of nodes in a database, the hierarchy of nodes providing a user-defined structure for a navigable on-screen display, each node in the hierarchy corresponding to a displayable element of the on-screen display, one or more of the nodes in the hierarchy receiving and storing content uploaded from different content providers for publication, each node that stores content authorizing one or more of the content providers to upload content to that node; receiving content uploaded to one or more of the nodes in the hierarchy from the content providers for

publication; and displaying the uploaded content through the on-screen display arranged according to the structure defined by the hierarchy f nodes."

Support for claims 1 and 31-34 as now amended can be found at least in FIGS. 8 and 11-18 and the subject specification as originally filed on at least page 8, lines 15-22; page 9, lines 1-12; page 9, line 25 through page 10, line 2; and page 12, line 21 through page 18, line 31; page 4, lines 24-32; page 11, lines 4-9; page 12, lines 15-20; and page 23, lines 14-20.

Accordingly, one or more advantages can be facilitated by defining a node hierarchy and enabling the upload of content to specified nodes of the hierarchy. For example, the arrangement of nodes within the node hierarchy can be used to define the manner in which uploaded content is displayed to an authorized user. (see FIGS. 8 and 11-18 and the subject specification as originally filed on at least page 8, lines 15-22; page 9, lines 1-12; page 9, line 25 through page 10, line 2; and page 12, line 21 through page 18, line 31) As another example, entitlements can be set for individual nodes such that only specified content providers are permitted to upload their content thereto. (see the subject specification as originally filed on at least page 4, lines 24-32; page 11, lines 4-9; page 12, lines 15-20; and page 23, lines 14-20)

Mahoney et al. discuss a system that acquires corporate and research data from authorized contributor workstations, indexes the data and presents the corporate/research data for display to authorized users. (see Mahoney et al, col. 7, line 65 through col. 9, line 67; see also FIG. 1A, col. 10, line 53 through col. 11, line 10). However, Mahoney et al. do not teach or suggest at least the steps of or structure for defining a hierarchy of nodes in a database, the hierarchy of nodes providing a user-defined structure for a navigable on-screen display, each node in the hierarchy corresponding to a displayable element of the on-screen display, one or more of the nodes in the hierarchy receiving and storing content uploaded from different content providers for publication, and displaying the uploaded content through the on-screen display arranged according to the structure defined by the hierarchy of nodes. None of the passages cited in the office action suggest this feature.

For at least these reasons, claims 1 and 31-34 are not anticipated by Mahoney et al., and thus, are believed to be patentable.
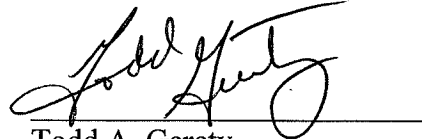
By virtue of at least their dependency to claim 1 and the additional features recited therein, claims 2-30 are also believed to be patentable.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that claims 1-34 are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Date: June 11, 2007

Todd A. Gerety
PTO Reg. 51,729
Attorney for the Applicants
Proskauer Rose LLP
One International Place
Boston, MA 02110

Tel. (617) 526-9655
Fax (617) 526-9899

11